

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

April 16, 2009

MINUTES

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

Balboa Park Club, Ballroom
2150 Pan American Road West
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address is:

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Director
202 C Street, MS 37C
San Diego, California 92101

Members Present

Wilbur Smith, Chair
Michael Stepner
Ginny Barnes
Bruce Brown
Rick Bussell
William Diehl
Vicki Granowitz
Norman Greene
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds

Members Absent

Roz King

City Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Clay Bingham
Kathleen Hasenauer
Jon Maddern
David Monroe
Kim Davies
Andy Field
Patty Jencks
Joe Henderson
Steve Harwell
Jo-Ann Novak

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2009

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Bussell/Mr. Diehl

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Diehl to approve the March 19, 2009 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Consent At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as “Consent” items.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Barnes/Ms. Granowitz

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes to move Item 101: Rename Joslyn Senior Center at Rancho Bernardo Community Park to Ed Brown Senior Center at Rancho Bernardo to the Adoption agenda and seconded by Ms. Granowitz. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smith commented that the construction funds for the Joslyn Senior Center were provided by the Joslyn Foundation back in the 1980's, and has been advised that the Foundation does not exist. Mr. Smith stated that the lost of name could mean something to someone at a later date.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Bussell/Ms. Barnes

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the Adoption Agenda. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Committee Community Parks I – No report

Area Committee Community Parks II – No report

Balboa Park Committee – No report

Design Review Committee – No report

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Mr. Brown announced that Jack Northrop past away.
- Mr. Geoffrey Smith is stepping down as Chair of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee after eighteen years of service, and Mr. Marvin Gerst will be the new Chair.
- The trail that leads down from Camino Ruiz Neighborhood Park down to Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve within the community of Mira Mesa is near completion.

Mission Bay Park Committee

- Mr. Bussell reported on the Mission Bay Park Committee meeting that took place on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. At the next meeting Captain Zimmerman will attend to discuss the Police Department's plan for the July 4, 2009 event, and will provide an update to what took place during "Spring Break."
- San Diego Fire-Rescue Department staff secured grant funding for 13-16 cameras to be installed before next summer at Mission Bay. The staff is trying to identify funding for on-going maintenance of these cameras.
- The action item on Permit Review Recommendation was continued to the next meeting.
- The Committee has been receiving regular reports on Mission Bay Leases from Real Estate Assets Departments. Mr. Bussell went on record stating that the new team from Real Estate Assets has been very responsive.
- The Rock-N-Roll Marathon will be the same as last year with no course changes.
- The Committee has received questions regarding water quality. Mr. Mark McPherson from the County of San Diego Environmental Health discussed beach and bay water quality. In September of 2008 funding was cut from the State's budget for water quality testing. Since then the County of San Diego staff have identified funding, and provide testing at 16 points throughout the County with six of the points within Mission Bay.
- Mr. Patrick Owen of Sea World may attend the next meeting to provide the first of several required reports on soil biology, and water quality in Mission Bay. Studies have shown that there are no effects of heavy metals in the soil and water due to fireworks.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

- Mr. Greene announced that Walter O'Dening one of the founding members of Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee passed away. A memorial service will be held on May 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Amphitheater followed by a reception.

Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Committee – No report

- Ginny Barnes reported a meeting will take place tonight, April 19, 2009 and Saturday, April 21, 2009 with a site visit at the park location from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., which is open to the public.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Mr. Smith discussed Workshop items with Ms. LoMedico, and it was determined that there were no pressing issues.
- The Park and Recreation Board will be discussing Water Conservation in the near future.
- Mr. Smith reported that today's meeting will be devoted to Park and Recreation Department's proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.
- Mr. Smith commented on how nice the new trees planted on Sixth Avenue in Balboa Park look.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico reported that Park and Recreation Department Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Users Fees is docketed for Monday, April 20, 2009 at City Council beginning at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Barnes asks if these fees were 100% of the most recent fee schedule? (Ms. LoMedico said yes, this was the 100% percent of the most recent fee schedule going before City Council.)
- The Mayor's passing and approval of the budget includes \$6.7 million in revenue from fees. The Mayor's Budget Community Forums begin this evening, and these meetings will go through next week.
- Ms. LoMedico requested to be excused from the Park and Recreation Board at 5:15 p.m. to attend the Mayor's Budget Forum tonight. Ms. Hasenauer, Deputy Director of Developed Regional Parks will sit in for her.
- In honor of Arbor Day a tree planting celebration will take place next week in Balboa Park west of the Lawn Bowling area.
- A flier regarding tree planting on Arbor Day, Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. will take place at Dorothy Petway Neighborhood Park. Park and Recreation Department staff will send the flyer to the Park and Recreation Board Members.
- The Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) will present the 2009 People in Preservation Award for the repair and restoration of the California Building and Tower and the San Diego Museum of Art in Balboa Park.
- The Water Department presented a Water Conservation plan to the Natural Resource and Culture Committee (NR&C). This plan included a drought level II and was adopted by NR&C and sent to City Council as a behavioral water conservation plan. Park and Recreation Department staff will return in June with a workshop or action item at Park and Recreation Board.
- Ms. LoMedico reported several new facilities will be coming on line this summer.

- Ms. LoMedico distributed an article on “Trading Skate Park Supervisors for Helmetless Kids and Vandalism” to the Board Members.
- There will be no Park and Recreation Board evening meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. The next Park and Recreation Board regular meeting will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2009. At this meeting there may be a discussion as to whether the Park and Recreation Board will go dark in August, workshop regarding donations, and wireless communication facilities policy.

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

- Mr. Steve Stoloff of Vavi Sport & Social Club of San Diego offered resources to benefit the Park and Recreation Department.

ACTION ITEMS

102. Skate Parks – New Municipal Code Changes

Mr. Bingham, Deputy Director of Community Parks I Division, Park and Recreation Department provided a revised handout on the suggested amendments to Municipal Code §63.0107 Use of Safety Equipment at City Skateboard Facilities. The Mayor’s Office requested that City staff from the Police, City Attorney’s Office, Risk Management, and Park and Recreation Departments update Municipal Code §63.0107. Mr. Bingham provided a brief overview of these changes.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Bussell/Ms. Barnes

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the revised Skateboard Park Municipal Code Suggested Amendments that was distributed during the Park and Recreation Board meeting. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. LoMedico stated that Park and Recreation staff is working on the volunteer protocol for staff to work with interested groups, and adult volunteers wanting to volunteer at the unsupervised skate parks. The protocol may be finalized and available by July 1, 2009.

103. Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Park and Recreation Department Budget

Ms. LoMedico reminded the Board Members of the tentative date set for April 29, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to present Park and Recreation Budget to the City Council. Once this has been confirmed Ms. LoMedico will update the Board Members. Ms. LoMedico provided an overview of the Mayor’s Proposed Budget from a general over-all Citywide prospect. The Mayor’s previously proposed budget includes the seven core areas he has promised to focus on:

- Reducing the Unfunded Pension Liability
- Reducing the Unfunded Retiree Health Care Liability
- Contributing to Deferred Maintenance Projects Back Log
- Funding toward a Workers Compensation Fund Reserve
- Funding toward a Public Liability Fund Reserve

- Funding toward a General Fund Reserve
- Funding for American Disability Act (ADA) Projects

Board Members may go to the Mayor's website, and see the press conference and PowerPoint presentation where he shared this information. There are no service levels impacts to the proposed budget however, there are a variety of funding sources including fees and reductions to compensation packages to all City employees in the amount of 6 %.

Since 2007 the City reduced the overall payroll by 900 employees. Park and Recreation Department has reduced approximately 105 employees totally approximately 10 million dollars. Ms. LoMedico reminded the Board Members that the budget goes through mid May, and then City Council is ready for adoption by July 1, 2009. Ms. LoMedico will do her best to notify the Board Members of these hearing dates.

Ms. Jencks, Supervising Management Analyst, Administrative Services Park and Recreation Department provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the Park and Recreation Department proposed budget. Ms. Jencks provided the Board Members with a memorandum dated April 14, 2009 regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Park and Recreation Department Budget from Ms. LoMedico to all Park and Recreation Department Employees.

Ms. Granowitz requested information on Park and Recreation staff reduction of hours and would like to know if this reduction will bring staff below the amount of hours to receive benefits? (Ms. LoMedico will provide that information when it is available from the various unions. Ms. LoMedico will also provide information on how Municipal Employees Association (MEA) will administrator the mandatory Furlough.)

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Bussell/Ms. Barnes

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Ms. Barnes to adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Park and Recreation Department Budget. Motion passed.

Mr. Greene would like to avoid meeting in the Balboa Park Club Ballroom due to the difficulty of hearing what is said by speakers and Board Members.

INFORMATION ITEMS – None

WORKSHOP – None

STANDING UPDATES

1. Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR)

Ms. LoMedico reported that the Park and Recreation Department's staff continue to move forward on the BPR. The maintenance part of the BPR was completed some time ago.

In Fiscal Year 2008 the Department had a reduction of approximately 80 Grounds Maintenance Workers or classification similar. The Department lost an Assistant Director and then the mid-year cuts began. The Department's staff is ready to return to the BPR

Steering Committee to present the final recommendations with Meet and Confer to follow. Once completed, Ms. LoMedico will share the projected savings associated with the Park and Recreation Board. In terms of the Department concentrated dedicated work stats to BPR the Department has done nothing with it where it has been completed as a whole product for the past 18 months. Ms. LoMedico stated that you will see changes to the operations and maintenance as it pertains to BPR once the City returns from Meet and Confer with the unions. This BPR recommendation will go before City Council for approval.

The purpose of the Business Processing Re-Engineering is to look at your processes, services, and procedures to look at ways in providing these services efficiency and effectively. In order to move forward with Managed Competition Departments must go through the BPR process. Ms. LoMedico stated if our employees are going to compete with the private sector the City needs to make sure the employees are the most efficient organization possible.

Mr. Smith feels that by the nature of the budgeting process over the years, that staff are at a very high level of efficiency just to survive all these years of budgeting. Mr. Smith is concerned that City staff may be under additional pressure from the BPR process. In his personal opinion he feels staff has been squeezed far too much, and does not want to see BPR add additional pressure.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: **Thursday, May 21, 2009**

**City Administration Building
Committee Room, 12th Floor
202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101**

Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico,
Park and Recreation Director